

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION BILL.

JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GROUT, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10167.]

The Committee on Appropriations, in presenting the bill making appropriations for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, submit the following in explanation thereof:

The estimates of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon which the bill is based, will be found on pages 257 to 274 of the Book of Estimates, and, exclusive of the water department, aggregate \$8,495,787.38, one-half of which amount, exclusive of \$6,000 for expenses under highway act or of such sum as Congress may appropriate, is required to be drawn from the revenues of the General Government and the remaining one-half to be levied upon the taxable property and privileges in the District of Columbia other than the property of the United States and the District of Columbia, pursuant to section 3 of the act approved June 11, 1878, entitled "An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia." (Stat. L., vol. 20, p. 102.)

The Secretary of the Treasury, on page 274 of the Book of Estimates for 1898, submitted the following recommendation:

The Secretary of the Treasury, not being in possession of such information as would enable him to formulate a proper estimate of the needs of the District government, and not desiring that its interests should be prejudiced thereby, approves the estimates as submitted by the Commissioners, with the recommendation that Congress appropriate as much of the desired amount as may, upon careful examination, appear to be necessary.

The total amount recommended to be appropriated for the general expenses of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1898 in the bill submitted herewith is, exclusive of the water department, \$5,642,856.93, of which sum the General Government is required to pay \$2,805,428.46, that being one-half of the whole, exclusive of the amount \$16,000, recommended for expenses under the highway act. The first-named sum is \$2,852,930.45 less than the estimates.

The amount appropriated for the general expenses of the District of Columbia for the current fiscal year 1897 is \$5,706,825.06, or \$63,968.13 more than is recommended in the accompanying bill for 1898.

The whole amount recommended in the accompanying bill, including the sums for the water department, payable wholly from the water

revenues, is \$5,780,811.06, being \$119,508.42 less than the like appropriations for the current fiscal year.

The amount recommended for the water department, all of which is payable from the water revenues, is \$137,954.13, being a reduction of \$55,540.29 under the appropriations for the water department for the current fiscal year.

It is estimated that the water revenues available for the fiscal year 1898 will amount to \$341,182.64, but it is provided in the accompanying bill, as it was in the acts for the current and five preceding fiscal years, that any surplus of these revenues over the appropriations made specifically therefrom shall be applied to the work of extending the high-service system of water distribution. This improvement, it was estimated by the engineer officer in charge at the time, would cost when completed about \$600,000. The surplus water revenues devoted to this object on account of expenditures made and obligations incurred since the said authority was granted amount at this time to \$470,059.87.

The total general revenues of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1898, it is estimated by the Commissioners, will amount, exclusive of any estimated surplus of the revenues of prior years, to \$3,359,858.33, or a surplus of \$507,069.87 after meeting the appropriations proposed by the accompanying bill, together with the obligations (estimated at \$65,360) imposed upon the District by the act of March 2, 1889, establishing the National Zoological Park, and for one-half the expenses of the court of appeals and supreme court of the District. This surplus, to the extent of \$104,738.24, will be applied under the operation of section 3 of the District of Columbia appropriation act for the fiscal year 1893 and a provision of the accompanying bill to the satisfaction of the indebtedness of the District to the United States on account of the cost of the increased water supply of the city of Washington under acts approved July 15, 1882, and March 3, 1891.

#### LIMITATIONS.

Limitations with reference to appropriations made in the bill not heretofore imposed, or changes in existing limitations, are recommended as follows:

In connection with the appropriation for public scales, the following:

"That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may change the location of any public hay scale in said District whenever they may deem such change in the public interest."

In connection with the appropriation of \$7,000 for widening P street bridge, the following:

"And the Metropolitan Railroad Company is hereby required to pay one-half of the cost of widening P street bridge and its approaches under this appropriation, to be collected in the same manner as the cost of laying pavements between the rails and tracks of street railways, as provided for in section five of 'An Act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia,' approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight."

In connection with the appropriation for pay of the Metropolitan police the following:

"Hereafter each of the members of the Metropolitan police shall be entitled to leave of absence each year, with pay for such time, not exceeding twenty days, as the Commissioners shall determine."

In connection with the appropriation for witness fees in the police court, the following:

"And hereafter there shall be paid to witnesses in cases in the police court not exceeding seventy-five cents per diem for each day of attendance, to be allowed only in the discretion of the court."

Following the appropriation for charities, the following:

"That the joint select committee authorized by the Act making appropriations for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, to make inquiry and report concerning the charities and reformatory institutions of the District of Columbia, are hereby continued during the Fifty-fifth Congress, with all the powers and duties imposed upon them by said act. And any vacancies which may occur in the membership of said committee by expiration of service or otherwise of any Senator shall be filled by appointment by the presiding officer of the Senate, and any vacancies which may occur by reason of the expiration of service of any House members of said committee shall be filled by appointment to be made by the Speaker of the present House of Representatives from members-elect to the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress; and any vacancies which may occur by reason of death or resignation of any House member shall be filled by appointment to be made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being; and said committee shall have authority to sit during the recess, and shall make report as soon as practicable after the beginning of the first session of the Fifty-fifth Congress."

The following statement shows in detail the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year, the amounts estimated for 1898, and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill:

Comparative statement showing the appropriations for 1897, the estimates for 1898, and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1898.

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Object.	Appropriations for 1897.		Estimates for 1898.		Recommended for 1898.	
	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.
<b>Salaries:</b>						
Executive office .....	\$51,089.00	45	\$66,433.50	59	\$51,089.00	45
Assessor's office .....	33,300.00	22	39,500.00	25	33,300.00	22
Collector's office .....	16,000.00	10	17,600.00	11	16,000.00	10
Auditor's office .....	17,800.00	12	19,400.00	13	17,800.00	12
Attorney's office .....	9,000.00	5	9,000.00	5	9,000.00	5
Sinking-fund office .....	2,400.00	2	3,000.00	2	2,400.00	2
Coroner's office .....	1,800.00	1	1,800.00	1	1,800.00	1
Market masters .....	4,500.00	3	4,500.00	3	4,500.00	3
Sealer of weights and measures .....	3,940.00	3	3,940.00	3	3,940.00	3
Engineer's office .....	67,452.00	59	70,932.00	61	67,452.00	59
Special-assessment office .....	11,900.00	10	11,900.00	10	11,900.00	10
Street-sweeping office .....	24,000.00	22	24,400.00	22	24,000.00	22
Board of examiners steam engineers .....	900.00	3	900.00	3	900.00	3
Plumbing board .....			1,500.00	5		
Superintendent of charities .....	3,840.00	2	3,840.00	2	3,840.00	2
Surveyor's office .....	10,000.00	2	10,000.00	2	10,000.00	2
Free public library .....			8,300.00	3		
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>						
Contingent expenses, District offices .....	22,500.00		25,000.00		22,500.00	
Contingent expenses, stables, engineer department .....	5,000.00		5,500.00		5,000.00	
Rent of District offices .....	9,000.00		10,000.00		9,000.00	
Rent of property yards .....	300.00		300.00		300.00	
Collecting overdue personal taxes .....	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Judicial expenses .....	800.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Contingent expenses, coroner's office .....	800.00		1,500.00		800.00	
Morgue .....			12,000.00			
Advertising, general .....	2,500.00				2,000.00	
Advertising, notice of taxes in arrears .....	7,500.00		7,500.00		7,000.00	
Preparing arrears of taxes on real property .....	2,000.00		2,400.00		2,000.00	
Preparing general assessment and numerical book .....	3,000.00					
Photolithographing county plats .....					1,986.00	

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Lithographing plats of subdivisions, Georgetown.....	346.00					
Market houses, repairs.....	1,500.00		4,633.81		1,500.00	
Repairs to interior of District building.....			1,000.00			
Reproducing will books.....			2,000.00			
Total, salaries and miscellaneous.....	314,667.00	201	373,779.31	230	312,607.00	201
Plats of subdivisions.....	2,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00	
Permanent system of highways.....	20,000.00		27,000.00		16,000.00	
Payment for lots, Potomac River flats.....	26,684.09					
Assessment and permit work, alleys, sidewalks, and sewers.....	140,000.00		250,000.00		125,000.00	
Permit work, roadways of streets.....			15,000.00			
Improvements and repairs:						
Work on sundry streets and avenues.....	163,500.00		600,000.00		100,000.00	
Grading streets, alleys, and roads.....	6,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00	
Repairs to pavements.....	150,000.00		150,000.00		150,000.00	
Condemnation of streets.....	1,000.00		15,000.00		1,000.00	
Total improvements and repairs.....	320,500.00		771,000.00		257,000.00	
Sewers:						
Cleaning and repairing sewers and basins.....	50,000.00		50,000.00		50,000.00	
Replacing obstructed sewers.....	25,000.00		25,000.00		25,000.00	
Main and pipe sewers.....	75,000.00		50,000.00		50,000.00	
Suburban sewers.....	75,000.00		171,000.00		36,000.00	
Rock Creek and B street intercepting sewer.....	60,000.00		130,000.00		90,000.00	
Fifteenth street and F street sewer.....	25,000.00		62,000.00		62,000.00	
Fifteenth street extended sewer.....	1,000.00					
Eckington Valley sewer.....	17,000.00					
Brookland sewer.....	42,000.00					
Kenesaw avenue sewer.....	4,000.00					
Tiber Creek and New Jersey avenue intercepting sewer.....			100,000.00		50,000.00	
Boundary sewer extension.....			50,000.00			
East side intercepting sewer.....			50,000.00			

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	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.
<b>Sewers—Continued.</b>						
Condemnation of rights of way .....	\$1,000.00	-----	\$10,000.00	-----	\$1,000.00	-----
Automatic flushing tanks .....	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00	-----
Total, sewers .....	376,000.00	-----	699,000.00	-----	365,000.00	-----
<b>Streets:</b>						
Repairs streets, avenues, and alleys .....	30,000.00	-----	60,000.00	-----	30,000.00	-----
Replacing sidewalks and curbs, public reservations .....	5,000.00	-----	5,000.00	-----	5,000.00	-----
Repairs, county roads .....	40,000.00	-----	60,000.00	-----	40,000.00	-----
Construction, county roads .....	90,500.00	-----	242,000.00	-----	40,500.00	-----
Sprinkling, sweeping, and cleaning .....	130,500.00	-----	200,000.00	-----	130,500.00	-----
Removal of snow and ice from cross walks .....	1,000.00	-----	5,000.00	-----	1,000.00	-----
Parking commission .....	20,000.00	-----	51,000.00	-----	20,000.00	-----
Improving District Park in front of Washington Market .....		-----	14,500.00	-----		-----
Lighting, gas or oil .....	150,000.00	-----	203,793.64	-----	135,000.00	-----
Lighting, electric arc .....	50,000.00	-----	96,943.50	-----	55,000.00	-----
Harbor and river front .....	2,600.00	-----	1,220.00	-----	2,600.00	-----
Harbor boat, improvements .....	1,250.00	-----	1,200.00	-----	1,200.00	-----
Harbor boat, fire and ice .....		-----	50,000.00	-----		-----
Public scales .....	200.00	-----	250.00	-----	200.00	-----
Bathing beach .....	5,000.00	-----	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00	-----
Public pumps .....	8,500.00	-----	14,000.00	-----	7,500.00	-----
Total, streets .....	534,550.00	-----	1,005,907.14	-----	469,500.00	-----
<b>Bridges:</b>						
Bridges, care of .....	3,500.00	-----	3,500.00	-----	3,500.00	-----
Bridges, construction and repairs of .....	10,000.00	-----	20,000.00	-----	15,000.00	-----
Bridge, P street, widening .....		-----	7,000.00	-----	7,000.00	-----
Bridge, Rock Creek, construction .....		-----	50,000.00	-----		-----
Total, bridges .....	13,500.00	-----	80,500.00	-----	25,500.00	-----

Rock Creek Park .....			10,000.00			
Washington Aqueduct:						
Engineering, maintenance, etc. ....	20,000.00		21,000.00		20,000.00	
Telephone lines .....			5,000.00		5,000.00	
Storehouse and stables .....			3,000.00			
Site for storage yards .....			10,000.00			
Protecting inlet aqueduct at Great Falls .....			5,000.00			
Inserting valves in mains .....	5,000.00					
Total, Washington Aqueduct .....	25,000.00		44,000.00		25,000.00	
Public schools:						
For officers .....	8,050.00	6	10,450.00	7	8,050.00	6
For teachers .....	735,775.00	1,071	766,200.00	1,107	761,100.00	1,107
For night schools .....	6,000.00		8,000.00		6,000.00	
Contingent expenses, night schools .....	500.00		700.00		500.00	
For janitors and care of buildings .....	57,731.00	91	67,576.00	95	58,996.00	94
Rent of school buildings .....	13,100.00		13,100.00		13,100.00	
Repairs and improvements to buildings .....	32,000.00		50,000.00		32,000.00	
Tools, etc., for manual training .....	9,000.00		12,000.00		8,000.00	
Fuel .....	35,000.00		36,000.00		35,000.00	
Furniture of new buildings .....	4,900.00		3,850.00		3,850.00	
Contingent expenses .....	28,000.00		30,000.00		28,500.00	
Text-books and school supplies .....	38,000.00		42,000.00		38,000.00	
Flags .....	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Exhibit of pupils' work .....			2,500.00			
Water filters .....			2,000.00		2,000.00	
New buildings and sites .....	163,000.00		681,500.00		142,000.00	
Total, public schools .....	1,132,056.00	1,168	1,726,876.00	1,209	1,138,096.00	1,207
Metropolitan police:						
For salaries .....	576,940.00	589	686,080.00	695	576,940.00	589
Miscellaneous expenses .....	27,750.00		60,934.00		23,396.00	
Total, Metropolitan police .....	604,690.00	589	747,014.00	695	600,336.00	589

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Object.	Appropriations for 1897.		Estimates for 1898.		Recommended for 1898.	
	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.
<b>Fire department:</b>						
For salaries .....	\$142,100.00	169	\$214,568.00	221	\$159,060.00	189
For increase, fire department .....	51,700.00	-----	69,900.00	-----	21,300.00	-----
Miscellaneous expenses .....	38,500.00	-----	48,500.00	-----	39,000.00	-----
Total, fire department .....	232,300.00	169	332,968.00	221	219,360.00	189
<b>Telegraph and telephone service:</b>						
For salaries .....	10,800.00	13	12,720.00	16	10,800.00	13
General supplies .....	11,000.00	-----	15,000.00	-----	11,000.00	-----
Renewing city lines .....	5,000.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Extension of fire-alarm telegraph .....	-----	-----	17,500.00	-----	-----	-----
Renewal of patrol system .....	-----	-----	13,050.00	-----	5,000.00	-----
Rebuilding patrol lines .....	-----	-----	4,800.00	-----	-----	-----
Total, telegraph and telephone .....	26,800.00	13	63,070.00	16	26,800.00	13
<b>Health department:</b>						
For salaries .....	30,900.00	23	43,200.00	34	30,900.00	23
Rent .....	120.00	-----	120.00	-----	120.00	-----
Chemical laboratory .....	-----	-----	500.00	-----	-----	-----
Removal of garbage .....	57,000.00	-----	57,000.00	-----	57,000.00	-----
Incinerating combustible waste .....	-----	-----	15,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Prevention of scarlet fever and diphtheria .....	5,000.00	-----	11,000.00	-----	5,000.00	-----
Ambulance for contagious diseases .....	350.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bacteriological laboratory .....	-----	-----	5,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Hospital for minor contagious diseases .....	-----	-----	75,000.00	-----	110,000.00	-----
Total, health department .....	93,370.00	23	206,820.00	34	203,020.00	23
<b>Courts:</b>						
For salaries .....	18,196.00	15	19,196.00	15	18,196.00	15
Miscellaneous .....	17,900.00	-----	37,700.00	-----	14,100.00	-----



Defending suits in claims .....	2,000.00	-----	2,000.00	-----	2,000.00	-----
Writs of lunacy .....	2,000.00	-----	2,500.00	-----	2,000.00	-----
<b>Total, courts</b> .....	<b>40,096.00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61,396.00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36,296.00</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>For interest and sinking fund</b> .....	<b>1,213,947.97</b>	-----	<b>1,213,947.97</b>	-----	<b>1,213,947.97</b>	-----
<b>Emergency fund</b> .....	<b>8,000.00</b>	-----	<b>8,000.00</b>	-----	<b>8,000.00</b>	-----
<b>Municipal building</b> .....	-----	-----	<b>100,000.00</b>	-----	-----	-----
<b>Reformatories and prisons:</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Support of convicts .....	45,000.00	-----	51,000.00	-----	45,000.00	-----
Court-house, District of Columbia .....	12,960.00	19	12,960.00	19	12,960.00	19
Warden of jail .....	1,800.00	1	1,800.00	1	1,800.00	1
Support of prisoners .....	45,000.00	-----	42,000.00	-----	40,000.00	-----
Transportation of paupers and prisoners .....	3,500.00	-----	3,500.00	-----	3,200.00	-----
Washington Asylum salaries .....	16,163.00	40	18,548.00	43	16,163.00	40
Miscellaneous expenses .....	49,000.00	-----	86,200.00	-----	50,000.00	-----
Reform School salaries .....	16,242.00	30	17,172.00	31	16,242.00	30
Support of inmates .....	26,000.00	-----	26,000.00	-----	26,000.00	-----
Buildings and grounds .....	-----	-----	13,100.00	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total, reformatories and prisons</b> .....	<b>215,665.00</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>272,280.00</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>211,365.00</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>For support of the insane</b> .....	<b>104,049.00</b>	-----	<b>109,278.96</b>	-----	<b>109,278.96</b>	-----
<b>For instruction of the deaf and dumb</b> .....	<b>10,500.00</b>	-----	<b>10,500.00</b>	-----	<b>10,500.00</b>	-----
<b>For charities:</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Relief of the poor .....	13,000.00	-----	13,000.00	-----	94,700.00	-----
Municipal lodging house .....	4,000.00	-----	4,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Temporary Home for ex-Union Soldiers and Sailors .....	2,500.00	-----	2,500.00	-----	-----	-----
Women's Christian Association .....	4,000.00	-----	4,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital .....	15,000.00	-----	15,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Columbia Hospital and Lying-in Asylum .....	25,000.00	-----	25,000.00	-----	20,000.00	-----
Children's Hospital .....	10,000.00	-----	10,000.00	-----	-----	-----
National Homeopathic Hospital .....	8,500.00	-----	10,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum .....	54,000.00	6	55,500.00	11	54,000.00	11
Reform School for Girls .....	9,925.00	8	63,025.00	9	10,725.00	9

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	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.	Amounts.	No. of salaries.
<b>For charities—Continued.</b>						
Washington Hospital for Foundlings.....	\$6,000.00	.....	\$6,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Church Orphanage Association.....	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
German Orphan Asylum.....	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
National Association for Destitute Colored Women and Children.....	9,900.00	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....
St. Ann's Infant Asylum.....	5,400.00	.....	5,400.00	.....	.....	.....
Association for Works of Mercy.....	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
House of the Good Shepherd.....	2,700.00	.....	2,700.00	.....	.....	.....
St. Rose Industrial School.....	4,500.00	.....	4,500.00	.....	.....	.....
St. Joseph's Asylum.....	1,800.00	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Young Women's Christian Home.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Industrial Home School.....	9,900.00	.....	45,000.00	.....	\$39,900.00	.....
Board of Children's Guardians.....	27,400.00	1	33,655.00	1	27,400.00	.....
Hope and Help Mission.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Newsboys and Children's Aid Society.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Dispensary.....	1,000.00	.....	17,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Washington Home for Incurables.....	2,000.00	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Women's Dispensary.....	.....	.....	700.00	.....	.....	.....
Aged Women's Home.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Total, charities.....	224,925.00	15	340,980.00	21	246,725.00	20
<b>For the militia of the District of Columbia.....</b>	27,525.00	1	23,470.00	2	20,525.00	1
Grand total, exclusive of water department.....	5,706,825.06	2,284	8,495,787.38	2,537	5,642,856.93	2,348
Amount payable from District revenues.....	2,858,412.53	.....	4,250,893.69	.....	2,837,428.46	.....
Amount payable from United States Treasury.....	2,848,412.53	.....	4,244,893.69	.....	2,805,428.46	.....
<b>Water department:</b>						
Salaries.....	37,934.00	42	41,998.00	45	38,834.00	43
Contingent expenses.....	2,500.00	.....	3,000.00	.....	2,500.00	.....
Repairs and miscellaneous expenses.....	90,000.00	.....	90,000.00	.....	90,000.00	.....
Interest and sinking fund, water-stock bonds.....	44,610.00	.....	44,610.00	.....	6,620.13	.....

Interest on account of increased water supply .....	2,905.73	-----	3,145.75	-----	-----	-----
Sinking fund on account of increased water supply .....	8,087.69	-----	8,075.25	-----	-----	-----
Interest on account of 48-inch and Fourteenth street mains .....	7,457.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Continuing extension of high-service distribution (indefinite amount) .....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total water department .....	193,494.42	42	190,829.00	45	137,954.13	43
Grand total, including water department .....	5,900,319.48	2,326	8,686,616.38	2,582	5,780,811.06	2,391